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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007 in the above-captioned application, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response which expired September 5, 2007, please amend the application as set forth below.